

**Ecosystem Health and Diversity
Issue Team Meeting Notes
Upper Deschutes RMP/EIS**

1/9/02 at USDA Service Center, Redmond

Attending:

Glen Ardt
Steve Castillo
Bob Davison
Bill Dean
Anne Holmquist
Sandy Lonsdale
Scott McCaulou
Michelle McSwain
Terry Morton (facilitator)
George Ponte
Jon Stewart
Sue Stewart
Boyd Wickman
Berta Youtie
Mollie Chaudet

Agenda:

- * Introductions
- * Ground Rules
- * Issue Descriptions
- * Identify Information Gaps
- * Evaluation
- * Schedule next meetings

Introductions

Introductions by all. Welcome to two new team members, George Ponte of Oregon Department of Forestry, and Sandy Lonsdale of Sierra Club, Juniper Group. An updated list of team members and contact numbers was handed out. The BLM website and e-mail are still unavailable. However, we have recently received permission to connect to the outside world through the USFS system (we are currently working on this).

Please note the following **Privacy Notice:**

Names of issue Team members will be included in the draft and final EIS. Addresses will be provided on request, **unless you specifically request that we not release them.** Also, we would like to share Issue Team member E-mail and phone numbers with all other Issue Team members. **If you do not want us to share your E-mail and/or phone with all other Issue Team members, please let us know.**

Ground Rules

Team brain-stormed a list of ground rules then agreed to abide by a final set. See “Rules for Higher Ground” that were typed up and handed out by Terry Morton at the meeting. Please ask Steve for a copy if you were not at the 1/9/02 meeting. We discussed the idea of rotating the meeting facilitation role. For now the BLM team members will take turns facilitating so that other members will be able to fully participate in the meeting discussions.

Issue Descriptions

Team reviewed the issues for the vegetation category that we had briefly listed at the previous Issue Team meeting (12/11). Steve handed out a combined list of these veg issues taken from the AMS, issue team members, and some public input. We then discussed the wildlife, watershed and fire issues. A refined list of issues for vegetation, wildlife, watershed, and fire will be included with these meeting minutes. Please review these before the All Group Meeting on 1/29/02. Also, a summary of the newest public comments will be provided at the next Ecosystem Issue Team meeting on 1/31/02. We tossed around a number of ecological terms during the issues discussion. It was apparent that not all of us were familiar with these terms or that we had different ideas of what these terms meant. Steve will attempt to find definitions for the following terms (and others) and bring a mini glossary to the next meeting: sustainability, site potential, natural processes, ecosystem health, ecosystem diversity, historic range of variability.

Identify Information Gaps and Evaluation

We ran out of time to discuss information gaps or do a meeting evaluation. Will put info gaps on the next meeting agenda.

Assignments

- Team will read AMS and other background info handed out previously.
- Team will review revised issue descriptions (in this mailing) and provide comments back to BLM on 1/29 and 1/31.
- Steve will define ecological terms and bring to 1/31 meeting.
- Team will review and refine our definitions of ecological terms for the purposes of this EIS/RMP.
- Also, start thinking about ideas for desired conditions and alternative development for this discussion that will begin at the 1/31 meeting.

Next Meeting - January 31, 2002, 9 am - 4 pm at the Best Western Hotel conference room.

Note that the location is at Best Western and not the BLM (not available) as we originally mentioned. The Best Western hotel is on Hwy 126 on the east side of Prineville (~ 1 mile before the BLM).

Agenda:

- Provide and briefly review summary of public comments
- Review Ecological definitions
- Planning Data Needs
- Desired Conditions and begin formulation of alternatives

- Assignments, next meeting dates, agenda